

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A disposable paper diaper for combating diaper rash, said diaper comprising a plurality of fibers coated with an anti-bacterial and anti-fungal  $\text{Cu}^{++}$  cationic, water-insoluble form of copper, which fibers release  $\text{Cu}^{++}$  ions in cationic form when in contact with a fluid.
2. (Original) A disposable paper diaper for combating diaper rash according to claim 1 wherein said fibers are cellulosic fibers.
3. (Original) A disposable paper diaper for combating diaper rash according to claim 1 wherein said coated fibers are disposed in said diaper as randomly scattered fibers in a paper layer.
4. (Original) A disposable paper diaper for combating diaper rash according to claim 1 wherein said coated fibers are dispersed in a paper layer positioned in said diaper to rest against the skin of the user.
5. (Currently Amended) A method for the manufacture of a disposable paper diaper for combating diaper rash comprising incorporating a plurality of fibers coated with an anti-bacterial and anti-fungal,  $\text{Cu}^{++}$  cationic, water-insoluble form of copper, which fibers release  $\text{Cu}^{++}$  in cationic form when in contact with a fluid, said fibers being provided in an inner layer of said disposable diaper.
6. (Original) A method according to claim 5 wherein said fibers are cellulosic fibers.
7. (Currently Amended) A disposable diaper liner for combating diaper rash, said diaper liner comprising a plurality of fibers coated with an anti-bacterial and anti-fungal,  $\text{Cu}^{++}$  cationic, water-insoluble form of copper, which fibers release  $\text{Cu}^{++}$  in cationic form when in contact with a fluid.